GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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DUMPING OF FILM ROLLS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by photo division during the last three years;

(b) whether a huge quantities of film negative and rolls are dumped in Photo Division without proper care and protection;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by the Government to protect the old negatives/film rolls?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) As per the figures made available by the Principal Accounts Office, Ministry ofInformation and Broadcasting, the amount incurred by Photo Division during the year1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 was Rs.200.39 lakhs, Rs.285.76 lakhs and Rs.381.58 lakhs, respectively.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Photo Division has installed a Digital Image Library system.The negatives are being digitised and stored in the hard disk and CDs, for preservation.